

**Opportunity Charter School
Board of Trustees—Minutes
Thursday, June 13, 2013**

Trustees Present: June Smith, Alice Cutler, Rob Zellner, Philip Pallone, Julie McGee, Mark Alter, Jerry Schwartz

Executive Staff Present: Leonard Goldberg, Aaron Hawn

Absent: Sangam Sogani, Peggy Culver

Public Notification: Notice of meeting on OCS website (as of June 7, 2013), posted on front door of OCS and displayed in the OCS main office (beginning June 7, 2013). Attending Members of the Board of Trustees met at Opportunity Charter School, 240 West 113 St. Room 314 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was led by the Board Chair Philip Pallone. A quorum was reached with 7 out of 9 board members in attendance.

Adoption of March Board of Trustee Minutes

A vote to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2013 BOT meeting was taken with all in favor with no dissensions.

Vote on Collective Bargaining Agreement Resolution

Vote on the OCS/UFT Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2012-2014 was called for by Board Chair Philip Pallone. Vote was taken with all in favor. The Resolution was then read aloud by Mr. Pallone.

Vote on Slate of Officers for 2013-2014 School Year

- Chair—June Smith
- Vice Chair – Alice Cutler
- Treasurer/Secretary—Rob Zellner

Vote was unanimous for all nominated persons for each position.

CEO Report

CEO report began with Leonard Goldberg congratulating the new OCS Executive Board and thanking Philip Pallone for his years of service as Board Chair. Recognition from the Board was presented to Mr. Pallone. He then proceeded with:

- Introduction of Middle School Student Jayden Harris
 - Student recently reached 1,000,000 word mark in the D.E.A.R.
- Presentation of recognition award to Salutatorian Niakale Camara
 - Presentation of Valedictorian recognition could not take place due to prior commitment of Daquan Irby.
- Introduction of Aaron Hawn, Director of Student Assessment
 - Presentation of Data—How are our students doing?
 - Report on Columbia Partnership “Argument and Inquiry”

- Introduction of Krystal Vazquez, Admissions Coordinator
 - Reported a 65% increase in the number of applications over last year's applications.

Committee Reports:

- **Fundraising/Community Outreach Committee Report**
 - Event is being planned for the beginning of December that will be part of a larger project.
- **Curriculum Committee Report**
 - Report on Success of Culinary Program
 - Program is being implemented again next year.
- **Finance Committee Report**
 - Committee reports that the financial picture for OCS remains stable.

Communication from the Public

- Ms. Wagner (OCS teacher) voiced concern over juniors attending Culinary Arts classes could lose valuable instruction time.
 - Mr. Goldberg responded that the scheduling of the class will not interfere with core instructional time.
- Michael Asmerom (OCS student) stated that as a participant in the Culinary Arts program, he wishes that it was a longer program. He credited Chef Max with giving more than cooking lessons, he provide great advice on life.
- Ms. Officer (OCS teacher) asked about the offering of electives such as Business Math.
 - Mr. Goldberg replied that this type of elective is on the discussion table for next year.
 - Mr. Pallone commented that electives of this kind help to differentiate OCS and are terrific for vocational training and fundraising purposes.
- Krystal Vazquez (OCS Admissions Coordinator) commented on how programs such as the Jewish Home Health Partnership and the Culinary Arts Program aid in admissions. It is something that many parents are interested in for their children.

Executive Session

The Board moved to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.